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In re Patent Application of )  
AMMON et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1623  
Application No.: 09/011,977 ) Examiner: H. Owens, Jr.  
Filed: June 15, 1998 )  
For: USE OF BOSWELLIC ACID AND )  
ITS DERIVATIVES FOR )  
INHIBITING NORMAL AND )  
INCREASED LEUCOCYTIC )  
ELASTASE OR PLASMIN )  
ACTIVITY )

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed on September 29, 1999, please  
first amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

After page 21, please insert the Abstract of the Disclosure attached hereto.

In The Claims:

Please delete claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter  
disclosed therein.

Please amend claims 10 and 16 as follows:

10. (Twice Amended) A method for preventing and/or combating [combating  
diseases or disease states] diseases selected from the group consisting of pulmonary

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